



Happy Holidays! Pictured here are two of *LaVigna's* more long-time members... Bill and Christine Appleget, shown here in a wood to the north of the house. Bill recently marked his fortieth birthday. So from the editors to all *La Vigna* readers, **Happy Holiday Season**

Holiday Greetings From Copenhagen

By Corrine Bilancio Schoening

Dear *La Vigna* family and friends,
As it is the season of several major American holidays, I want to start by saying Happy Thanksgiving. Although Thanksgiving is virtually unknown to Danes, we did host a Thanksgiving dinner with two other American-Danish families last week, with turkey and traditional trimmings. It was the first time that I had baked a turkey, so I gathered help from Aunt Lorraine (Anthony) in Trenton, my

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Exploring The National Telephone Directory: Part 2, Acquavivas and Chianeses

By Lewis Bilancio

The telephone list is on six computer disks. Each disk covers one region of the U.S. The first disk covers the Northeast including NJ, PA, and on up through Maine. The second includes the Mid-Atlantic, the third includes the South of the Carolinas. Disk four is the Mid-west; disk five is the West (Mountain states) and six includes The Pacific Northwest with Alaska and Hawaii.
Acquaviva in Italian means water from grapevines, usually equals brandy. But Acquaviva derives from acqua (water) and viva which means alive. I can't think of a name for someone who edits *La Vigna*.

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An Educators Story

By Betty Acquaviva

As I was reading my *LaVigna*, as I am with it as soon as it arrives, (Dean I'm so proud of you for this), I read the caption, "Calling All Educators." I thought perhaps how I got started in education, and what I did, might be more interesting and also for others who think it's too late.

It all began when I was working for the New Jersey in the Labor and Industry Bureau. I complained to my husband, the late Vincent Acquaviva, about the unfairness of the promotion procedures.

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Teaching: A Family Tradition

By Caroline Macleod

Here is a summary of my teaching career. I graduated from Trenton State College in January 1961. I taught fourth grade in Ewing Township for five years. My daughters Carrie and Jaime were born. I was able to stay home and raise my daughters. I and I lived at the Hun School in Princeton. In 1966 I moved to Kent, Connecticut where Jim was hired at the Kent School. With both daughters in college I volunteered to help in the Kent Center School library.

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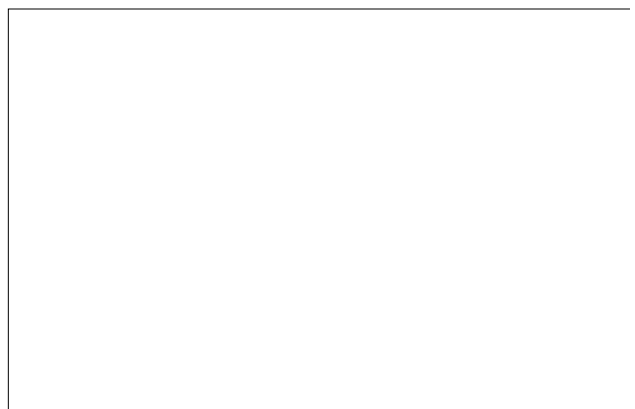
The Pica Connection

By Lorraine Anthony

Being the youngest member of my family, I never knew my grandfathers or grandmothers and they remained an unsolved mystery to me.

In a past edition of *La Vigna*, my sister Rose Immordino, took the time to research and create a family tree. Upon examining our tree, I noticed that my grandmother on the Bilancio side was a Pica and on the Chianese side, my paternal grandmother was a M

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Pictured here we see Maria (Armenti) and Ted Dumblough with their beautiful girls Cassidy and Carly wishing all of our readers a very Happy Holiday Season.

By Hugh Noe Hu

ay seasons thoughts always turn to family: where and what they are up to...Willie and Terry Bilancio msksgiving in Trenton, visiting their son William, 'aroline, and their daughter Avery, the little twinkle ollective eyes...They all Dined at Dean and Clora 'a's, on turkey day, along with Dean's mom Betty, Bette Thomas and her sons Reed and Justin; Clora's atrice Johnson, her son John, daughter Beatrice... rry, Dean and Clora all went to NYC the following owse the museums and sample some more good y Gervasio returned from visiting friends in Texas oss country to see her son Ralph and daughter nd nephew Ivan Bilancio and his lovely family in a, she spent the between flight holiday at her son usio's home in Hamilton...Lew Bilancio is enjoying th of a Floridian New Years with Bernice Smailer, em for the New Year will be Lew's Daughter, and her husband Peter Schoening, as well as their cherub, Eva...Lorraine Anthony and a few close ent Thanksgiving in NYC, taking in a Broadway l dining out in style...Caroline Macleod and her Jim relaxed after a high pressure semester with g recently appointed Dean of Students at Kent nd Caroline being selected to design the first m on the Internet for public schools....Speaking of ns Anthony Armenti was promoted to Director of y Education in the Hamilton School District...Mary his mother, spent Thanksgiving with her other son, d his family in north Jersey...This family should buying stock in an airline... Bye for now, Hugh.

Corrections


time to time we here at *LaVigna* get our facts just miss some typo or omission in a story or two. some corrections which have been waiting to be

lays: Tracey Montague's is November 12th, she missing from our list. Lilia Sciscio has been listed hianese though she's been married for some time

yn and Jim Mcleod's name was inncorrectly the spring issue article on her e-mail to *LaVigna*. out not least, for you culinary aficionados you e four (4) cans of chick peas with Micky Chianese's a Salad. He included this info with his recipe and /ping I somehow lost it.

to one and all and please feel free to update ANY elve year archives of *LaVigna*, we are striving for uracy.





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LA VIGNA READERS

December

- December 5....Corinne Bilancio
- December 7....Scott Schutts
- December 15...Carmen Armenti
- December 16...Beatrice Wiesner-Cl
- December 21...Ivan Bilancio
- December 23...Anthony Armenti
Brian Josephson
- December 25...Kimberly Chianese
- December 31...Suzanne Roth
Jonathan Spillers

January

- January 1....Mary Gervasio
- January 9....Betty Acquaviva
Phyllis Gervasio
- January 13...Carolyn Bilancio
- January 14...Brad Schutts
- January 23...Beatrice Johnson
- January 24,,,Joseph Chianese
- January 27...Ralph Garzio

Info-Quest

Readers rejoice! We are here to celebrate wit your loved ones. We know that there are new littl of joy rummaging under your Christmas t Mennorahs. We would feel proud and honored t their names and birthdays in with our list, but we c YOU send them in to us.

In a similar vein, we would like to reinstate c of wedding anniversaries and any sugnificant da lives of our readers. These will be published in only' column where no story need be provided.

The name of this new feature will be **MILES** It is our intention to serve you better with new an information, this can only come from you, our re



Chi si aiuta il ciel l'aiuta

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

The Pica Connection cont.

...I had classmates by those names. I wondered, related?

...ly, busy with everyday life, I forgot the whole much so that when I made an appointment with an ophthalmologist, it was because he is located at because he might be related.

Dr. Pica himself, who, after reviewing my medical recognized the name "Bilancio" and stated, "I think missing cousins."

...discussing our family histories and tracing our on, Dr. Pica walked to his book case and returned a book written in Italian and one of which he is very proud. This book was written by professor Pica Senior and Lorenzo Migliaccio and is the first of the Pica family. The Pica family has a very interesting history.

...glancing through the book and looking at the (unfortunately I don't read Italian) a letter fell out. It had been tucked away in 1970 and completely unused. Dr. Pica was pleasantly surprised to rediscover it. It had been sent to him over 25 years ago from a former friend and he had filed it away in the Pica book.

The author of this letter is Antonio Scalia. Mr. Scalia is Associate Justice of The Supreme Court since 1986. He is the first American born of Italian descent to hold this position. He was born in Trenton in 1936, and graduated from Princeton and Harvard Universities.

The letter reads as follows:

Doctor,
The Pica I had in mind was Vittorio Pica. He was an art critic; born in Naples in 1886, he died in 1930. He contributed to several Italian design art and literacy periodicals and was for many years the secretary of the famous Venice Biennial Art Exhibit. Some of his books are: I colori degli albi e cartelle, L'arte Giapponese dal Rinascimento al Barocco, Gli Impressionisti, Arte e artisti nella Svezia di oggi, Artisti del Rinascimento, De Nittis, ecc.
I am familiar only with his literary criticism,

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A Family Tradition cont.

...did I know that my second career in teaching was about to begin. Instead of shelving books, I taught myself a computer language, on a PET computer and helped the first computer classes for the children in January. I was eventually hired as a computer and gifted teacher. I am now the computer coordinator at Kent Center and teach grades 1 - 8, give workshops, purchase hardware, software, and write curriculum. I received a master's degree in computer education from Fairfield University in October 1993. I love teaching and could never have predicted I would be using computers and teaching over 300 students each week!!!

My husband Jim is also a teacher, coming to me from the banking world. After graduating from the University of Delaware in June 1970, Jim worked in banking in Philadelphia and Ewing before returning to school for an MA (Master of Arts in Teaching) degree from Trenton State University. He taught math at the Hun School for 10 years and then spent the past 13 years at the Kent School. Jim is now teaching 11th grade Students at Kent, teaching one math class in addition to his administrative duties. Jim comes from a family of teachers; his mother and father were also teachers; his sister taught first grade and her husband was headmaster of a school in Georgia and Alabama and is now a consultant."



Pica Connection cont.

...mostly book reviews.

There was also a Giuseppe Pica, (1811-1873) who in 1873 became a Senator of The Kingdom of Italy. He was Abruzzese, having been born in L'Aquila. I do not know what he was, most likely a lawyer. He played a significant part in the movement for the unification of Italy.

Sincerely

S.E. Scalia

Any relative or friend who is interested in reading the Pica Book may do so by visiting Dr. Pica's office or willing to share the book, but it must stay in his possession.

Lorraine Anthony



Lew. B's Xmas letter

Greetings and good wishes to you from Glassboro.

...95 winds down the deadly explosions of bombs, shells, machine guns and mines throughout the world. The hope of this is thanks to our President Clinton. Some of his efforts may fail, but we can be more proud of our progress in making peace than winning by waging war.

...will begin 1996 as we did last year, by going to Washington. There we will salute the capital as we did last year. In Florida they call us snowbirds, for we spend the winter in a "development" at Boca Raton. It is bordered by a wall that keeps crime out, we have a heated pool that keeps us in.

...and Jennie Immordino visited us, then Corinne and Eva. Jennie visited Disneyland for the first time; Eva visited a mirrored wall; Corinne enjoyed the warm weather and the flowers.

...on our return we had wonderful visits with Jane and James Spillers near Atlanta, then the Newcombs in the Carolinas, and Bernice's granddaughter Lesli and her family near Richmond.

...this summer it was Shipbottom again, and again Corinne came from Copenhagen and I had the joy of her visit. She brought Eva while showing her the immensity of the ocean. She gave it a startled glance, then concentrated on digging in the sand nearby. Family and friends came from California (Roberta and Robert), New Jersey (Corinne's Bryn Mawr classmates), Virginia, and Michigan (Franny, Angelica, Iran and Luigi). We were all excited about our New Year Holiday for we will be in Florida with Corinne, Peter and Eva.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a smiley or two for the kids :-)

All good wishes for the new year, Lew and Bernice. Fla phone 1-(407)-451-1545



...from history.com

are many Acquavivas, 107 in the Northeast of which four live in Trenton. The most common first name is Anthony (16). In the Mid-Atlantic 56; Florida 20; 15; Pacific 18, mostly California.

ough Chianese does not appear in the Italian but it is a common name in Southern Italy. A man in Naples gave birth to six children (a world record) but they did not survive.

There are a total of 107 Chianeses listed, 24 are listed in the Trenton area. The most common first name is also Anthony (16). They are concentrated in the Northeast.

In the mid-east 19; the South (including Florida) 14; 6; Pacific coast 10, of which three are in Ventura. If you are wishing to obtain a copy of the names; addresses or phone numbers of the Acquavivas and Chianeses listed, please write, call, or e-mail Dean Acquaviva, c/o La Vigna, 1000 N. 1st Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Ph#(609)882-2222 or e-mail to Mackimouse@ AOL. COM



Our Daily Bread

By Dean Acquaviva

One of my healthiest stereotypes of Italian ethnicity, if not such a thing, is that of a people in love with their food. This was reinforced by my paternal grandmother who baked a lot of her own breads and many other Italian dishes around the holidays.

When I first was introduced to my wife's family her father Bilancio constantly amazed me with his stamina and perseverance in getting up at ungodly hours in the morning to start the dough to make the day's bread. The first time I was amazed for I had never been exposed to bread so fresh so tasty, or lived in an environment permeated with the aromatic perfume of baking bread.

Thanksgiving I wandered into the realm of my father and having met with a modest amount of success I found myself enjoying not only the process, but the result as well.

Bread itself is simple, if not primitive, and the hardest part of baking your own bread, aside from procuring the ingredients, is making up your mind to commit to the task. For those of you who are uninitiates, the process is really a series of steps; between each you have some downtime to allow your yeast to grow. Then you mix the ingredients with the flour and knead. Finally you 'punch down' the risen dough and allow it to rise again. Now you are ready to bake, the fun part.

Recipes for breads abound in such volume that it is difficult to find a tried and true standard from a friend or a book of a plain variety. All books agree that one will learn to 'bake by touch' approach once you are past the beginner's stage, I eagerly await this awakening.

If you are wishing to share more expertise, recipes or just want to know how baking bread was a part of their life (Italian style) please write in.

di popolo, voce di Dio.
people's voice, God's voice.

...from history.com

mother-in-law in Denmark, Joy of Cooking and then down the street. Since we live so far from my home keeping in touch with our American family is one of our most treasured endeavors, so we are especially grateful for the continuation of *La Vigna* --keep 'em coming!

I don't imagine Denmark features much in the news, although you may have heard of the royal wedding last week. Understandably, the U.S. has a larger international profile--we've heard about the congressional budget and yes the O.J. trial was covered over here, albeit we were more amused by the Americans' obsession with the trial than they were interested in the case itself.

On the Bilancio-Schoening home front--our daughter's news this year has been the day-to-day development of our daughter, Eva, who turned up in October. We wait and wonder as our tiny curled-up bundle grew into a little person who can now walk away from us, but we decide to walk back and give us kisses on our smiles.

Eva's first word was "clock", proving her relation to such punctual relatives as Aunt Lorraine and Uncle (Immordino). And like her grandfather Lew, a bookworm, enjoying looking at books and in bookworm fashion, indulging in the occasional snooze.

We've accumulated a lot of frequent flyer miles this year. Eva and I visited my father and Bernice in Denmark in February to celebrate his 80th birthday. We got to see our mother Gloria, as well, who was vacationing in Florida. Peter joined us for a trip to New Jersey in May, and Eva and I came over in August for a visit to Long Island.

December is a big family/travel month (family travel, in our case!): My mother is flying over for a visit with us this week; Peter, Eva and I will be traveling by train to western Denmark to spend Christmas with our mother; then the three of us will be flying to Florida in January to visit dad and Bernice.

All of this migration may explain why another of our first words was "bird."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Happy Holidays



From *La Vigna*

Educator's Story cont.

ce. He said, “Well, if you had a college degree, I never happen. You wouldn’t be working there. ’t you go to college?”

y reply to this was, “Easy for you to say, (at the as working on his doctorate in mathematics) , but been in a school in sixteen years. I’ll be almost rs old if I manage to finish in four years!” He saying,”You’ll still be forty if you don’t-so what ive to lose?”

ealized his Italian reasoning was sound, and agreed ourse or two during the summer.

was not easy being the oldest person in the class- s older than the professor, nor was it easy having ghter in the freshman class at the same time you eshman. It was frightening, but at the same time challenge.

discovered I could do the class work and the nd the exchange of ideas, which was great. What ouldn’t do was work full time, raise three children school all at once, so I did the smart thing and b. I went to college full time. I took every summer fered in my field. I took interim courses between , and as many credits as was allowed. I finished ars; my husband was right- I could spend the four way I wanted and I would still be four years older. as the oldest graduate in Trenton State College’s 2, but no one was prouder. I spent the next twenty- teaching grammar and English Literature at South n Regional High School in Hunterdon County. I oyed teaching despite the many varied happenings, any wonderful memories of students and fellow

The trips I took to Italy, Germany, England and ring the Easter break with the students. (I’m going is April with students from South Hunterdon, and going as a chaperone as usual). I also had much n at school with drama clubs for students and ith the productions over the years. Would you was in our Cabaret Night along with the French e teacher as the Pointer Sisters! We brought down three nights in a row with our version of “I’m So

went to numerous Back to School Nights, ed dances, took field trips, sat in on parent es, Special Services evaluations, and pep rallies. d many parties and banquets over the years for ho were leaving or retiring, the only one I didn’t

arrange was my own- I retired in 1993.

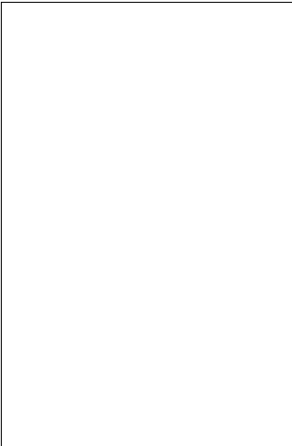
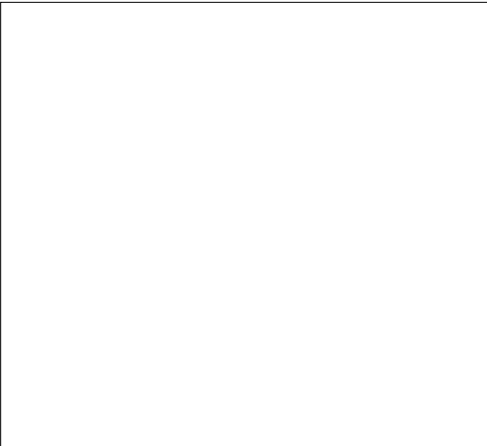
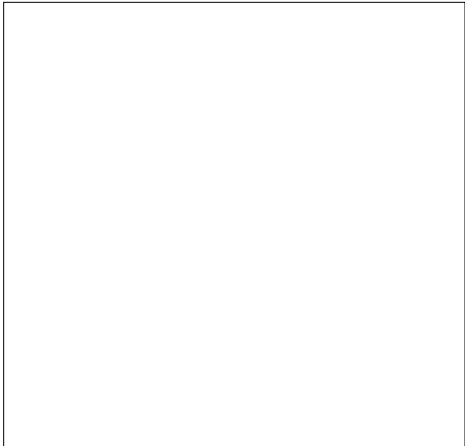
I have had students who have become tea many who have returned to thank me for all the h them. It helped in college and on the job, so they to be able to speak and write correctly. I had prea to them for many years. Several became teachers c and finally knew what it was like on the other s desk.

Speaking of teachers, my daughter, Bette is a teacher at the Harrison School in Trenton, the way, she started her education in kindergarten Drew, my youngest son, is a teacher of Earth Scie Crockett School in Hamilton Township. He teac eighth grade level. Dean, my oldest son, works fo Graves in Princeton, but is also certified to te sometimes works as a substitute teacher. My hu course, was a teacher in the Trenton School Sys taught in the junior high schools, Junior One throu Five.(The names have been changed since then) taught at Trenton Central High School where responsible for having the first Advanced P Courses in the state brought to the high school. H Consultant in Mathematics for the State of New . many, years and in 1972 he received his Doc Education specializing in Mathematics. He Program Coordinator and The State Monitor for tl County office.

So you can see as you read this rather v kind of got away from me) and detailed answer to “All Educators”, I can proudly say that the Acquav family of educators and have been for the last years.



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Francis. Top:
Anthony.
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APPY HOLIDAY

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